

CORNELL POPULATION CENTER

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Mission Statement

CPC coordinates and promotes national and international population research, encourages cross-disciplinary innovation, supports grant-getting, provides cutting-edge demographic training to students and postdocs, and disseminates research findings to policy practitioners and the public.

Grant Development Program

CPC's Grant Development Program supports grant submissions to population-related external funding agencies through mentorship, training, seed funding, and administration.

Seminar Series and Events

CPC hosts a seminar series that expands networks of population scientists and brings innovations in population research to campus. Other regular events include methods mini-courses, conferences, and an annual workshop for population scholars from Upstate New York

Undergraduate and Graduate Demography Minors

CPC's multidisciplinary training program provides students with opportunities to develop fundamental demographic tools and insights from a range of perspectives. In addition to coursework, the training core offers professional development, research support, and guided mentorship.

Frank H. T. Rhodes Fellowship Program

CPC runs a postdoctoral training program with support from the Atlantic Philanthropies' endowment in honor of former Cornell president, Frank H.T. Rhodes

Key Areas of Research

- Families and Children
- Health Behaviors and Disparities
- Poverty and Inequality
- Immigration and Diversity
- Population and Policy

Domestic Research Projects

- COVID-19 vulnerability and implications
- Changing family patterns, fatherhood, and child well-being
- Health inequalities and healthcare reform
- Race/ethnicity and intergenerational economic mobility
- Gender inequality at home and at work
- Economic and social well-being of immigrants
- Aging and state policies affecting care-giving strategies
- Impact of obesity on medical costs and labor market outcomes
- Incarceration and its effects on children and families
- Urban older adults and health inequalities

International Research Projects

- International food security and agri-food systems
- Sub-Saharan African social mobility
- Family and gender dynamics in developing countries
- Family policy in Europe
- Immigration in the technology economy
- Global asylum and deportation policy
- Impacts of the coronavirus pandemic in developing countries

Regional Research Projects

- COVID-19 vulnerability, data collection, health and economic effects
- Unmet caregiving need across state policy contexts
- Criminal justice, immigration enforcement, and child welfare systems
- Vulnerable families and intergenerational poverty
- Health behaviors, implications for inequality, and interventions
- Opioid abuse and impact on families
- New York tobacco tax revenues and regulations
- Medicaid and the U.S. health care safety net

In the News

- “The Working-to-Afford-Child-Care Conundrum,” *The Atlantic*, F Blau, January 18, 2020.
- “Teacher Pensions and Teacher Quality: Drawing on Existing Evidence to Formulate New Ideas,” *Hoover Institution*, M Fitzpatrick, January 23, 2020.
- “Companies are Putting Out Hand Sanitizer, But For Years, Many Have Campaigned Against Sick Pay,” *The Washington Post*, N Ziebarth, March 9, 2020.
- “At 89, She Fears Dying Alone More than the Coronavirus Itself,” *The New York Times*, K Pillemer, April 7, 2020.
- “The Two Pandemics,” *The Atlantic*, V Maralani, April 10, 2020.
- “10 Experts on Where George Floyd Protests Fit into American History,” *Time*, J Michener, June 4, 2020.
- “Hospital Ratings Often Depend More on Nice Rooms than on Health Care,” *The Washington Post*, C Young, July 4, 2020.
- “Scientists Uncover Biological Signatures of the Worst Covid-19 Cases,” *The New York Times*, A August, August 4, 2020.
- “How to Heal a Family Rift,” *The Wall Street Journal*, K Pillemer, September 15, 2020.
- “Millennials and GenZ are Spreading Coronavirus—But Not Because of Parties and Bars,” *National Geographic*, S Sassler, September 17, 2020.
- “H-1B Overhaul Pressures Outsourcing Firms and Their U.S. Clients,” *The Wall Street Journal*, S Yale-Loehr, October 8, 2020.
- “Cornell Researchers Predicted Virus Stronghold on Upstate Counties with Vulnerable Populations,” *WICZ*, M Hall, December 11, 2020.
- “Retire or keep working? The healthy answer isn’t that simple,” *The Washington Post*, M Fitzpatrick, December 19, 2020.

Research to Policy

- S Alvarado researched the complexities of childhood neighborhood disadvantage and adult incarceration for whites, blacks and Latinos.
- F Blau explored the coronavirus vaccine distribution timing to elderly individuals versus essential workers.
- E York Cornwell examined how COVID-19 affects the daily mobility patterns and health outcomes of urban older adults.
- P Enns studied increased social bias during the COVID-19 crisis.
- S Gleeson advocated for pathways to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants, not just essential workers.
- K Musick analyzed the impact of COVID-19 on children’s economic vulnerability, telecommuting, work-family conflict and gender equality.
- A Ong studied loneliness, social isolation, and prosociality during COVID-19.
- A Reyes advanced research on how different state policies affect family caregiving strategies for adults with cognitive decline.
- Q Wang researched social distancing during COVID-19 and its relation to psychological well-being.
- K Weeden and B Cornwell studied the network of college classes and implications for epidemic spread on university campuses.
- N Ziebarth examined paid sick leave and its relationship to COVID-19 cases.

Departmental Affiliations

- Africana Studies and Research
- Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research
- Center for Behavioral Economics and Decision Research
- Center for the Study of Economy and Society
- Center for the Study of Inequality
- Community and Rural Development Institute
- Cornell Center for Health Equity
- Cornell Center for Social Sciences
- Cornell Farmworkers Program
- Cornell Institute for Research on Children
- Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research
- Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging
- Cornell Program in Infrastructure Policy
- Cornell Statistical Consulting Unit
- Institute for Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities
- Institute for Healthy Futures
- Labor Dynamics Institute
- Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies
- National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect
- New York Census Research Data Center
- Polson Institute for Global Development
- Population & Development Program
- Program on Applied Demographics
- Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Demographics and Statistics
- Survey Research Institute
- Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition
- Affiliated Departments: American Studies Program; Applied
- Economics and Management; City and Regional Planning; Design and Environmental Analysis; Development Sociology; Economics; Government; Human Development; Industrial and Labor Relations; Jewish Studies Program; Nutrition; Policy Analysis and Management; Psychology; Sociology; Statistical Sciences